

At any given moment, as many as 300 million of the world's children are trapped in the grinding cycle of poverty and hunger. Imagine trying to learn, grow and succeed while struggling with hunger.

For some children, hunger may be offset by healthy school meals. For others, especially in developing nations, hunger is acute—it is literal starvation. It is a contributor to disease and early death. According to the United Nations, hunger and malnutrition take the lives of 18,000 kids every single day.

Although we may not be able to resolve all sorts of natural and political forces, we do know that nurturing and educating a child is the single most effective means of breaking the cycle of poverty.

According to the World Food Program, 130 million children do not attend school; and among those who do, most do not receive meals during school hours. A hungry child cannot learn or thrive; a society whose children live in hunger will never prosper.

The Global Child Nutrition Foundation was created in 2006 with the mission of expanding opportunities for the world's children to receive adequate nutrition for learning and achieving their potential.

This observance is also an opportunity to raise awareness about the solutions to global hunger and poverty.

GCNF President and SNA Past President Gene White, a certified school nutrition specialist, said it best—“By combining our will and resources, hunger will no longer set boundaries for learning and achievement. Freeing children from hunger so they may become self-supporting, contributing citizens is a worthy endeavor. It is also a step toward building a more stable and peaceful world.”

Madam Speaker, as someone who is committed to ending hunger once and for all, I thank and commend the School Nutrition Association and the Global Child Nutrition Foundation for naming April as Global Child Nutrition Month.

It is my hope that all of us can work to be part of the solution as we raise awareness in eradicating hunger.

WOMEN'S HISTORY STATEMENT
2008

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Women's History Month. Though we have designated March as the particular month for this celebration, every day could rightly be designated to honor the contributions of women to our society. On this occasion I would like to highlight the achievements of two women who through their work have deeply impacted Maryland's Third District and our State as a whole.

Just this past year Karen Rothenberg, Dean of the University of Maryland Law School, was inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame. The Maryland Women's Hall of Fame was established through the efforts of the Maryland Commission for Women and the Women Legislators of Maryland in 1985. Its purpose is to honor Maryland women who have made unique and lasting contributions to

the economic, political, cultural and social life of the State, and to provide visible models of achievement for tomorrow's female leaders.

This year, Dean Rothenberg is being honored by the Daily Record as Maryland's Top 100 Women. Dean Rothenberg has demonstrated leadership and scholarship in her role at the University of Maryland Law School, and in her field. She graduated as part of the first class of women at Princeton University. She has served as a member of the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Legal and Ethical Issues Relating to the Inclusion of Women in Clinical Studies, on numerous NIH panels on prenatal care, the recruitment and retention of women in clinical studies, and the ethical, legal and social implications of genetics. I have had the privilege to work with Dean Rothenberg this year on an effort to bring more lawyers into public service. This is an area in which she has been recognized on numerous occasions for her efforts. She has established loan repayment programs, grant opportunities and scholarships for law school graduates that wish to pursue careers in public service, and they in turn have enriched our community. She has worked with students to provide volunteer relief in New Orleans, and has facilitated opportunities for students to pursue public interest studies abroad. This is only the tip of the iceberg.

In addition to having been the first woman elected to serve as Mayor of Baltimore City, Sheila Dixon has spent more than 20 years in public office, dedicating her career to improving the lives of women, children and minorities. She has worked tirelessly on public health issues, and brings a wealth of experience and insight into business development in the city.

Among her numerous awards and honors, Mayor Dixon was recently admitted to the Daily Record's Circle of Excellence for her third selection as one of “Maryland's Top 100 Women.” She serves on numerous boards, including the Institute of Human Virology, the Transplant Resource Center, the Urban Health Initiative, the Baltimore Public Markets Corporation, the Living Classrooms Foundation, and the Walters Art Gallery.

This year Mayor Dixon launched the YouthWorks campaign, which brings together businesses, community organizations, foundations and city and State agencies in an effort to engage Baltimore youth in meaningful summer activities. She is strongly committed to accomplishing the goal of ensuring that any Baltimore youth who wants a summer job can have one. This program will not only benefit youth by providing valuable work experience, it will also provide businesses with talented and motivated workers.

Though I have not had the privilege of working with all of the following women, I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight Maryland's Top 100 Women for 2008 as honored by the Daily Record:

Judge Theresa M. Adams, Circuit Court for Frederick County; Dr. Susan C. Aldridge, University of Maryland University College; Dr. Janet D. Allan, University of Maryland School of Nursing; Dr. Sharon D. Allison-Otley, The COSHAR Foundation; Judge Nancy V. Alquist, United States Bankruptcy Court; Rev. Dr. China M. Ashe, Hope Ministries; Judge Vicki Ballou-Watts, Circuit Court for Baltimore County; Lisa R. Bands, My Cleaning Service, Inc.; Judge Mary Ellen Barbera, Court of Special

Appeals of Maryland; Traci A. Barnett, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland; Buffy Beaudoin-Schwartz, Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers; Cathy S. Bernard, CSB Management Corporation; Dr. Meredith Bond, University of Maryland Baltimore School of Medicine; Annie L. Burton-Byrd, The Signature Group, LLC; Ellen A. Callegary, Callegary & Steedman, PA; Wanda G. Caporaletti, Law Office of Wanda G. Caporaletti; Diane Lillibridge Caslow, MedStar Health; Marie A. Cavallaro, Cavallaro Cleary Visual Art Foundation; Rev. Mary W. Conaway, Register of Wills for Baltimore City; Patricia E. Cornish, PEC Financial Consulting; Dr. P. Ann Cotten, University of Baltimore Schaefer Center for Public Policy.

Diane D'Aiutolo Collins, Tydings & Rosenberg, LLP; Janine M. DiPaula Stevens, Vircity; Anna M. Dopkin, T. Rowe Price Associates; Councilmember Valerie Ervin, Montgomery County Council; Carolyn Wilson Evans, Sengstacke & Evans, LLC; Margaret (Meg) Z. Ferguson, Baltimore County Executive Office; Jodi Finkelstein, Domestic Violence Center of Howard County; Ellen R. Fish, Towson Community Bank, a div. of AmericasBANK; Mary Ellen Flynn, Andalman & Flynn, PC; Taylor L. Foss, LifeBridge Health; Commissioner Jan H. Gardner, Frederick County Government; Sandra N. Harriman, University of Maryland School of Medicine; Carrie Harris-Muller, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States, Inc.

Dr. Elizabeth A. Hunt, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine; Sara T. Jacoby, The Legacy Group, Inc.; Deborah E. Jennings, DLA Piper U.S., LLP; Senator Verna L. Jones, State of Maryland; Leronia A. Josey, Law Office of Leronia Josey; Pamela J. King, Open Society Institute-Baltimore; Julie Lenzer Kirk, Path Forward International; Marcy K. Kolodny, Dyslexia Tutoring Program; Treasurer Nancy K. Kopp, State of Maryland; Jennifer Kozak, J Kozak Creative; Senator Rona E. Kramer, State of Maryland; Judge Sherrie L. Krauser, Circuit Court for Prince George's County; Dr. Martha Joynt Kumar, Towson University.

Judge Theresa A. Lawler, Orphan's Court for Baltimore County; Linda Thater Layton, Attorney at Law; Cynthia L. Leppert, Neuberger, Quinn, Gielen, Rubin & Gibber, PA; Eileen M. Levitt, The HR Team, Inc.; Dr. Leslie D. Mancuso, JHPIEGO; Sister Patricia McCarron, SSND, Notre Dame Preparatory School; Annette Merz, LENPEX, LLC; Bonnae J. Meshulam, Junior Achievement of Central Maryland, Inc.; Dr. Redonda G. Miller, Johns Hopkins Hospital and School of Medicine; Elise Davison Morris, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP; Paula T. Morris, Kids of Honor; Nhora Barrera Murphy, The Media Network; Alice Neily Mutch, Capital Consultants, BaySmart Gardening, LLC.

Myra W. Norton, Community Analytics; Sylvia Ontaneda-Bernales, Ober Kaler Grimes & Shriver; Beth Pepper, Law Firm of Beth Pepper; Trudy E. Perkins, Office of U.S. Representative Elijah E. Cummings; Beth S. Perlman, Constellation Energy; Liz Pettengill, Greater Baltimore Committee; Bonnie Lamdin Phipps, St. Agnes HealthCare; Barbara Portnoy, PLDA Interiors; Randi Alper Pupkin, Art with a Heart, Inc.; Stephanie L. Reel, Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Health System; Dr. Donna L. Reihl, The Community College of Baltimore County; Juliette Rizzo, U.S. Department of Education; Dr. Marcella L. Roenneburg, Mercy Medical Center.

Karen H. Rothenberg, University of Maryland School of Law; Dr. Lisa Rowen, University of Maryland Medical Center; Dr. Cynda Hylton Rushton, Johns Hopkins University and Children's Center; Hannah Sassoon, Montgomery County Office of the Sheriff; Judge Katherine D. Savage, Circuit Court for Montgomery County; Lynne C. Schaefer, University of Maryland, Baltimore County; Rosa M. Scharf, Howard Bank; Mary Fulton Shock, Philanthropist; J. Patricia Wilson Smoot, Prince George's County Office of the State's Attorney; Felicita Sola-Carter, Social Security Administration; Yolanda F. Sonnier, Randall & Sonnier, LLC; Sally L. Sternbach, Rockville Economic Development, Inc.; Ferrier R. Stillman, Tydings & Rosenberg, LLP.

Karen D. Stokes, Greater Homewood Community Corporation; Anita H. Thomas, University of Baltimore; Dr. Rosemary M. Thomas, Salisbury University; Suzanne C. Thompson, Heritage Financial Consultants, LLC, Advanced Benefit Solutions, Inc.; Margaret Witherup Tindall, Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC; Marlene Trestman, Office of the Attorney General; Jenny J. Trostel, Saab of Baltimore; Judith Vaughan-Prather, Montgomery County Commission for Women; Laura Neuman Volkman, Springboard Enterprises; Stephanie T. Willey, Comcast Spotlight; Deborah Smith Williams, M&T Bank; Jeanne M. Yeager, Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence; Terry Slade Young, The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore; and Gina Monath Zawitoski, DLA Piper U.S., LLP.

I salute these women as examples of the many others who have made, and continue to make our country great.

HONORING GENERAL MOTORS FOR WINNING RICHARD H. AUSTIN LONG-TERM TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARD

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, earlier this month, the Michigan Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission announced that the General Motors Corporation will receive the Richard H. Austin Long-Term Traffic Safety Award, "for being a corporate and auto industry leader in promoting traffic safety issues," in the State and nationally. The award was presented at the group's annual awards luncheon on March 13, 2008, in East Lansing, Michigan.

This prestigious award is named after a true leader in traffic safety, the late Richard H. Austin, who served as Michigan Secretary of State from 1971 to 1994. Secretary Austin, who was known as, "Mr. Traffic Safety," was a pioneer in promoting passage of State seat belt use laws and in promoting measures for child passenger safety, drunken driving prevention, and motorcycle safety.

The commission's announcement notes that GM, "has made significant contributions in addressing key traffic safety concerns including safety belt use, child passenger safety in and around vehicles and drunk driving through partnerships and collaboration, advocacy, financial support and voluntary time commitments to traffic safety organizations by company executives and employees."

The announcement states that when, "efforts were underway to upgrade Michigan's seat belt law from a secondary to a primary law, GM led the collaborative efforts," to support it. I am pleased to note that as a result of this upgraded law Michigan has one of the highest State belt use rates in the Nation at 94 percent.

Among the other specific activities for which GM is being recognized is its Safe Kids Buckle Up partnership with Safe Kids Worldwide. Under this program, child safety seats are checked by trained experts for proper installation; safety seats are provided to families in need; and education is provided to help assure that children are not left alone in vehicles and they are not allowed to play in trunks. Further, adults learn to walk around a parked vehicle to check for children before they start the engine and children are taught that it is never safe to play in driveways, parking lots or on sidewalks when vehicles are nearby.

There are 25 Safe Kids coalitions and chapters in Michigan, and, over the last 10 years under the GM-Safe Kids program, approximately 45,000 child safety seats in the State have been inspected and another 13,500 have been provided to families in need free of charge. In addition, several permanent child seat inspection stations have been set up, run by Safe Kids, and four mobile car seat check-up vans donated by GM are operating in the State.

Madam Speaker, I have had the opportunity to witness the work of Safe Kids Flint, which is part of the Hurley Medical Center. The dedicated men and women who work at these events volunteer a significant amount of their time and talent to assure that children are riding safely in vehicles, and they provide very valuable information to parents. Safe Kids Flint has reported that 19 lives have been saved after families who attended one of the organization's events were involved in crashes.

I am pleased to join in congratulating General Motors for this recognition of its exceptional corporate citizenship in working to protect the citizens of Michigan through the Safe Kids partnership and many other safety activities.

HONORING RAYMOND D. HENNAGIR FOR HIS BRAVERY AND SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Corporal Raymond D. Hennagir of Deptford, New Jersey. Corporal Hennagir was injured while on foot patrol in Zaidon, Iraq. He stepped on an improvised explosive device, losing both of his legs and four fingers on his left hand. The bravery of this man is truly inspiring. Out of respect and gratitude for the great service Corporal Hennagir has given his country, I submit this poem written in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

TEACH ME

Teach Me!

Teach me well!

You so beseech me. As you so gallantly look past all of your pain and heartache, all of your hell!

Reach Me!

As you Reach in and out to Me! With your heart which so swells!

As your most splendid heart to me, so all about life . . . so tells!

All about courage and faith!

All about not letting pain and heartache, get in your way . . . and not letting go, or your soul erase!

All about courage's, most courageous face!

Let me learn!

As from you, and all of your character I can so discern!

All about life . . . and all about what is possible, when within a great heart a soul so burns!

So I can grow!

So I can learn, so throughout my life I can so use and learn . . . of what a heart is capable of so!

As your blessings to me you now so bestow, ever in these moments of my life . . . I will know!

Which, can so show me . . . that path!

Which, can so show me the way . . . which can so teach me all about the things which last . . .

As I watch you and your most heroic glow! The questions to my heart you so answer, I ask?

For you have touched me, with your most heroic glow!

For you have so taught to me, all that it is . . . that I so need to know!

So I can touch the sky, so I can so soar so very high . . . a part of you, I will take with me I'll show!

For on this Earth . . .

Our Lord God so puts on such men and women of such fine worth . . .

To Teach Us All, to so hear his call . . . to make us all understand, of what it is which comes first!

Everybody loves Raymond, You Teach Me . . . Teach Me So!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 31, 2008

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on March 14, 2008, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my votes for Rollcall No. 143-146.

Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 143—Yes—Providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3773) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence, and for other purposes.

Rollcall No. 144—Yes—Providing for the consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3773) to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence, and for other purposes.

Rollcall No. 145—Yes—To amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence, and for other purposes.

Rollcall No. 146—Yes—On Approving the Journal.